

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Norman Morrow on 5/1/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Specification, page 1, following "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:," please amend the first paragraph as follows:

This application is a 371 continuation of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US2005/009977, filed March 24, 2005, and claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/556,717, filed March 25, 2004. ~~The present application is a continuation of pending provisional patent application Serial No. 60/556,717, filed on March 25, 2004, entitled "Method of Increasing the Production of Hydrocarbon Liquids and Gases by Reducing or Eliminating Water Block at Well Bores and at the Faces of Hydraulic Fractures" and pending provisional patent application Serial No. 60/617,630, filed October 6, 2004, entitled "Method of Increasing the Production of Hydrocarbon Liquids and Gases by Reducing or Eliminating Water Block at Well Bores and at the Faces of Hydraulic Fractures".~~

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Zakiya W. Bates/ whose telephone number is (571) 272-7039. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer Gay can be reached on (571) 272-7029. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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